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**NS3155: INTELLIGENCE AND DEMOCRACY (4 - 0)**

Spring Quarter 2002

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course examines the methods civilian authorities in emerging democracies can use to establish strong, effective controls over their intelligence agencies. The course begins by examining the intelligence process in the United States and the United Kingdom and the potential problems that intelligence activities can pose to democratic governance. Next, students will analyze the mechanisms used by the U.S., the U.K., France and other long-established democracies to maintain control over their intelligence organizations. These instruments of control include use of the power of the purse, structural and organizational arrangements, legislative oversight, and legal mechanisms. Employing the case study approach, students will examine the recent efforts by democracies in Latin America, Central Europe, Africa, and Asia to establish their own democratic controls over intelligence and the challenges that such nations will face in the future. PREREQUISITE: None. CLASSIFICATION: Unclassified.

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**TEXTS**

**The following required texts are available for purchase at the NPS bookstore:**

Mark M. Lowenthal, *Intelligence: From Secrets to Policy* (CQ Press, 2000)

Peter Gill, *Policing Politics: Security Intelligence and the Liberal Democratic State* (Cass, 1994)

Michael Herman, *Intelligence Power in Peace and War* (Cambridge, 1996)

Paul Wilkinson, *Terrorism Versus Democracy* (Cass, 2001)

**The following optional text is available for purchase at the NPS bookstore:**

Pat M. Holt, *Secret Intelligence and Public Policy: A Dilemma of Democracy* (CQ Press, 1995)

**The following texts are on reserve in the NPS library:**

Craig Eisendrath, ed., *National Insecurity: U.S. Intelligence After the Cold War* (Temple University Press, 2000)

Kieran Williams and Dennis Deletant, *Security Intelligence Services in New Democracies: The Czech Republic, Slovakia and Romania* (Palgrave, 2001)

**The following articles are available in a course reader at the reserve desk in the NPS library:**

Greta Marlatt, "Intelligence and Policy-Making: A Bibliography," Dudley Knox Library, NPS (Aug. 1998)

United States Central Intelligence Agency, *A Consumer's Guide to Intelligence* (CIA Office of Public Affairs, 1999)

Loch Johnson, "Analysis for a New Age," *Intelligence and National Security*, (Oct. 96), pp. 657-671

Loch Johnson, Ch. 4., "Seven Sins of Strategic Intelligence," *America's Secret Power: The CIA in a Democratic Society* (Oxford, 1989), pp. 59-75

Douglas Porch, "French Intelligence Culture: A Historical and Political Perspective," *Intelligence and National Security* (July 1993), pp. 486-511

Alfred Stepan, Ch. 2, "The Brazilian Intelligence System in Comparative Perspective," *Rethinking Military Politics* (Princeton, 1988), pp. 12-29

Priscila Antunes and Marco Cepik, "The New Brazilian Intelligence Law: An Institutional Assessment," unpublished paper (Oct. 2000)

Loch Johnson, "The CIA and the Question of Accountability," *Intelligence and National Security* (Jan. 1997), pp. 178-200

Stephen Knott, "Executive Power and the Control of American Intelligence," *Intelligence and National Security* (Summer 1998), pp. 171-176

Loch Johnson, "Intelligence and the Challenge of Collaborative Government," *Intelligence and National Security* (Summer 1998), pp. 177-182

Stansfield Turner, Appendix: "A Word on Censorship," *Secrecy and Democracy* (Houghton, 1985), pp. 287-290

Robert Henderson, "South African Intelligence Under de Klerk," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* (Spring 1995), pp. 51-89

Shawn McCarthy, "South Africa's Intelligence Reformation," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* (Spring 1996), pp. 63-71

Jonathan Moran, "The Role of the Security Services in Democratization: An Analysis of South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning," *Intelligence and National Security* (Winter 1998), pp. 1-32

**The following articles are available on the Internet for download:**

Thomas Bruneau, "Intelligence and Democratization: The Challenge of Control in New Democracies," Center for Civil-Military Relations Occasional Paper #5, (March 2000)  
[http://www.ccmr.org/public/images/download/new\\_democracies.pdf](http://www.ccmr.org/public/images/download/new_democracies.pdf)

Frank, Watanabe, "Fifteen Axioms for Intelligence Analysts," *Studies in Intelligence* (no. 1, 1997) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclass/axioms.html>

Jack Davis, "A Policymaker's Perspective on Intelligence Analysis" *Studies in Intelligence* (vol. 38, no. 5, 1995) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/95unclass/Davis.html>

Jack Davis, "Paul Wolfowitz on Intelligence Policy-Relations" *Studies in Intelligence* (vol. 39, no. 5, 1996) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/96unclass/davis.htm>

Working Paper Series on Internal Security Reform, Project on Justice in Times of Transition, Harvard University <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/justiceproject/workingpapers.htm>

L. Britt Snider, *Sharing Secrets With Lawmakers: Congress as a User of Intelligence* (CIA, 1997) <http://www.cia.gov/csi/pubs.html>

Frederic F. Manget, "Intelligence and the Rise of Judicial Intervention," *Studies in Intelligence* (no. 5, 1996) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/96unclass/manget.htm>

Stanley Kober, "Why Spy? The Uses and Misuses of Intelligence," *Cato Policy Analysis* No. 265 (Dec. 12, 1996) <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-265.html>

Council on Foreign Relations, *Making Intelligence Smarter: The Future of U.S. Intelligence*, (1996) <http://www.fas.org/irp/cfr.html>

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

This course will be conducted as a colloquium. The instructor will introduce the topics through a lecture followed by student discussions of questions and issues raised during the lecture and the assigned readings. Students are expected to do all assigned readings and actively participate in class discussions. The instructor will assign periodic position papers based on weekly discussion questions. The take-home final exam will be based on the assigned readings and the weekly discussion questions. The standards used in grading papers and examinations are described in [The American Association of University Professors Statement on Professional Ethics](#) adopted as a policy document by the National Security Affairs Department.

## COURSE SCHEDULE

### Course Overview

#### **Week 1: Defining Intelligence**

2 April Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 1, pp. 1-9  
Herman, Intro and Part I: Ch.1, pp. xi-15

#### **4 April Intelligence as an Issue for Democratic Governance**

Reading: Thomas Bruneau, "Intelligence and Democratization: The Challenge of Control in New Democracies," CCMR Occasional Paper #5 (March 2000)  
[http://www.ccmr.org/public/images/download/new\\_democracies.pdf](http://www.ccmr.org/public/images/download/new_democracies.pdf)  
Recommended: Gill, Introduction and Ch. 1, pp. 1-47  
Holt, Ch. 1, pp. 2-19

#### **Week 2: State and Security Intelligence Models**

9 April Reading: Gill, Ch. 2-3, pp. 48-134

- 11 April      **Roles and Missions of Intelligence Agencies**  
Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 2-4, pp. 10-52  
Herman, Part I: Ch. 2-3, pp. 16-57  
CIA, *A Consumer's Guide to Intelligence* (1999)  
Recommended: Holt, Ch. 2-3, 20-53

### **The Intelligence Process**

**Week 3:      The Intelligence Process – Collection**

- 16 April      Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 5, pp. 53-74  
Gill, Ch. 4, pp. 135-178  
Herman, Part II: Ch. 4-5, pp. 61-99  
Recommended: Holt, Ch. 454-79  
Eisendrath, Ch. 8, pp. 149-171

18 April      **The Intelligence Process – Analysis and Production**

- Lowenthal, Ch. 6, pp. 75-97  
Gill, Ch. 5, pp. 179-206  
Herman, Part II: Ch. 6-7, pp. 100-133, Part V: Ch. 16, pp. 283-304  
Loch Johnson, "Analysis for a New Age," *Intelligence and National Security*, (Oct. 1996), pp. 657-671  
Frank, Watanabe, "Fifteen Axioms for Intelligence Analysts," *Studies in Intelligence* (no. 1, 1997) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/97unclass/axioms.html>  
Recommended: Holt, Ch. 5 pp. 80-108

**Week 4:      The Intelligence Process- Role of the Policy Maker**

- 23 April      Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 9, pp. 120-132  
Herman, Part III: Ch. 8-9, pp. 137-164  
Loch Johnson, Ch. 4., "Seven Sins of Strategic Intelligence," *America's Secret Power: The CIA in a Democratic Society* (Oxford, 1989), pp. 59-75  
Jack Davis, "A Policymaker's Perspective on Intelligence Analysis" *Studies in Intelligence* (vol. 38, no. 5, 1995)  
<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/95unclass/Davis.html>  
Jack Davis, "Paul Wolfowitz on Intelligence Policy-Relations" *Studies in Intelligence* (vol. 39, no. 5, 1996)  
<http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/96unclass/davis.htm>

25 April      **The Intelligence Process – Counterintelligence and Covert Action**

- Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 7-8, pp. 98-119  
Herman, Part III: Ch. 10-12, pp. 165-218  
Recommended: Holt, Ch. 6-7, pp. 109-167  
Eisendrath, Ch. 2 and 5, pp. 23-44 and 76-91

**Week 5:      Problems in the Process - US and UK Perspectives**

- 30 April      Readings: Herman, Part IV, Ch. 13-15, pp. 221-279  
Eisendrath, Ch. 4, pp. 61-75

- 2 May           **Case Study: French Intelligence Culture** (Guest Lecturer)  
                    Reading: Douglas Porch, "French Intelligence Culture: A Historical and Political Perspective," *Intelligence and National Security* (July 1993), pp. 486-511

### **Controlling Intelligence Activities in a Democracy**

**Week 6:           Intelligence Structures and Democratic Control**

- 7 May           Readings: Herman, Part V: Ch.16-18, pp. 283-338  
                    Gill, Ch. 6, pp. 207-247  
                    Recommended: Elizabeth Rindskopf Parker, "The American Experience: One Model for Intelligence Oversight in a Democracy," Working Papers on Internal Security Reform <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/justiceproject/workingpapers.htm>

- 9 May           **Case Study: Structural Change in Brazil** (Guest Lecturer)  
                    Readings: Alfred Stepan, *Rethinking Military Politics* (Princeton, 1988), Ch. 2, "The Brazilian Intelligence System in Comparative Perspective"  
                    Priscila Antunes and Marco Cepik, "The New Brazilian Intelligence Law: An Institutional Assessment," unpublished paper, Oct. 2000

**Week 7:           Executive Oversight of Intelligence in Democracies**

- 14 May          Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 10, pp.133-135  
                    Gill, Ch. 7, pp. 248-273  
                    Holt, Ch. 9, pp. 189-208  
                    Loch Johnson, "The CIA and the Question of Accountability," *Intelligence and National Security* (Jan. 1997), pp. 178-200.  
                    Stephen Knott, "Executive Power and the Control of American Intelligence," *Intelligence and National Security* (Summer 1998), pp. 171-176  
                    Loch Johnson, "Intelligence and the Challenge of Collaborative Government," *Intelligence and National Security* (Summer 1998), pp. 177-182

16 May          **Legislative and Judicial Oversight of Intelligence in Democracies**

- Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 10, pp. 136-154  
                    Holt, Ch. 10, 209-236  
                    Eisendrath, Ch. 9, pp. 172-189  
                    Gill, Ch. 8, pp. 274-310  
                    Philip Heyman, "Controlling Intelligence Agencies," Working Papers on Internal Security Reform <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/justiceproject/workingpapers.htm>  
                    L. Britt Snider, *Sharing Secrets With Lawmakers: Congress as a User of Intelligence* (CIA, 1997) <http://www.cia.gov/csi/pubs.html>  
                    Frederic F. Manget, "Intelligence and the Rise of Judicial Intervention," *Studies in Intelligence* (no. 5, 1996) <http://www.odci.gov/csi/studies/96unclass/manget.htm>

**Week 8:           The Role of the Media and Public Awareness**

- 21 May          Readings: Holt, Ch. 8, 171-188  
                    Eisendrath, Ch. 6, pp. 92-117

Stansfield Turner, *Secrecy and Democracy* (Houghton, 1985), Appendix: "A Word on Censorship," pp. 287-290

- 23 May      **Case Study: Transforming Security Intelligence in South Africa**  
Readings: Robert Henderson, "South African Intelligence Under de Klerk," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* (Spring 1995)  
Shawn McCarthy, "South Africa's Intelligence Reformation," *International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence* (Spring 1996)  
Sandy Africa and Siyabulea Mlombile, "Transforming the Intelligence Services: Some Reflections on the South African Experience," Working Papers on Internal Security Reform <http://www.ksg.harvard.edu/justiceproject/workingpapers.htm>

### **Intelligence Issues in Democracies**

**Week 9:      Intelligence Agencies and Democratization**

- 28 May      Readings: Gill, Ch. 9, pp. 311-351  
Herman, Parts VI-VII, 341-385  
Jonathan Moran, "The Role of the Security Services in Democratization: An Analysis of South Korea's Agency for National Security Planning," *Intelligence and National Security* (Winter 1998), pp. 1-32

30 May      **Case Study: The Legacy of the Securitate in Romania**

Readings: Williams and Deletant, Ch. 1 and 6-7, pp. 1-23 and 159-262

**Week 10:      Terrorism and the Threat to Democracies**

- 4 June      Reading: Wilkinson, Ch. 1-3, pp. 1-77
- 6 June      **Dealing With Terrorism in a Democracy**  
Reading: Wilkinson, Ch. 4-6 and 8, pp. 78-136 and 157-173

**Week 11:      Ethical and Moral Issues in Intelligence**

- 11 June      Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 13, pp. 184-200  
Stanley Kober, "Why Spy? The Uses and Misuses of Intelligence," *Cato Policy Analysis* No. 265 (Dec. 12, 1996) <http://www.cato.org/pubs/pas/pa-265.html>  
Wilkinson, Ch. 7 and 9-10, pp. 137-156 and 174-202

13 June      **Intelligence Challenges for the Future**

Readings: Lowenthal, Ch. 12, pp. 167-183  
Wilkinson, Ch. 11-12, pp. 203-234  
Recommended: Eisendrath, Ch. 1, pp. 8-22  
Council on Foreign Relations, *Making Intelligence Smarter: The Future of U.S. Intelligence*, (1996) <http://www.fas.org/irp/cfr.html>  
Holt, 237-249

**Week 12:      Final Exam Due - 18 June**